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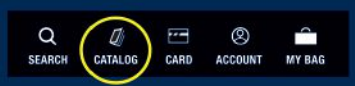

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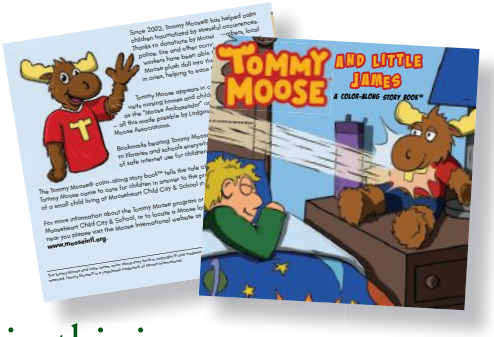

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ceo's column

The year was 1986, and it was a cool, crisp fall morning as I walked across the rickety railroad tracks heading to another day of my senior year in high school. I had my letterman's jacket on, and my Sony Walkman cassette player and headphones. Oh yeah, I can't forget my mullet hairstyle, too. The one-hit wonder carrying me to school that day was Timbuk3's "The Future's So Bright, I Gotta Wear Shades." I am a little biased, but I believe 80s music is the best, especially the one-hit wonders. Our daughter Megan recently chided me for not playing more 80's music around the house when she was younger, as she can't figure out who's calling when 867-5309 comes up on her phone.

Summer is officially over and fall weather and activities are now in full motion. Our influence as a Fraternity is expanding and we are well-positioned for three straight years of membership growth, come April 30, 2024. So, now is not the time to let anything on the following become a one-hit wonder:

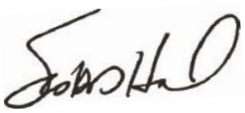
ONE Premier Lodge Award. If you haven't earned it, let this year be the first. If you have one or more under your belt, then let's add another coin to the presentation box.

TWO Every Member is Valued. Retention of first-year members is our greatest challenge. Go the extra distance to get them plugged in and engaged. Just like you and me, sometimes we just have to be asked.

THREE Heart of the Community. A big "thank you" to those of you who coordinate outreach into your community! Make sure you are contributing in meaningful ways to the needs of your hometown. The strength of your volunteer efforts will keep you at the top of the charts.

FOUR Local Marketing Grant. Up to $3,000 annually is available to get your lodge name and the good you do out in front of the public. Let potential members know that you are Moose Proud and ready to welcome them into your lodge. Put this hit on repeat, year after year.

The Moose Fraternity has been around since 1888 and we've had our fair share of hits. Our future is bright and together we'll not only hit the top of the charts, but we'll be immovable. Keep those sunglasses handy and have a safe and healthy fall. God Bless! P.S. Hey Megan, Jenny is on the phone for you. ■



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I used to sing those words from the title very loudly when I would hear it. I would also silently think to myself that what I was really looking for was a place to belong.

For me, the Moose became that place to belong, and once I realized what the Fraternity was all about, I couldn't sing that song without mentally changing the words in the title to, "I sure have found what I was looking for."

You see, I believe that we all have times in our lives where we look for a place where we "belong." Being accepted and welcomed creates a sense of well-being, and it heals the soul. We are more productive when we're content. We do more, we give more, and then we find that we still have more to give.

This is the message that I want to share with as many people as I can. I want them to find what they're looking for. I understand that the Moose may not appeal to everyone, but I do think that the vast majority of people would benefit by being part of the Moose family.

Having discovered that the Moose was "what I was looking for," I now search for more of that feeling. I want to feel more love, more family, serve more people, have more fellowship and also have more fun, and I find all those things in the Moose.

I firmly believe that the Moose isn't just a Fraternity, it's something that a lot of people are searching for. ■

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Making a Difference — It's What We Do!

Englewood , FL Lodge 1933 *presented Kids' Needs Greater Englewood with a $1,150 check in July. Accepting the check were Marcia Zigler and Becca De Rosa. Kids' Needs is a nonprofit group run solely by volunteers that provides children with personal toiletries, sneakers, school uniforms, school supplies and much more!*

How is YOUR lodge/chapter making a difference in your community?

Send photos and information about your events to: editorial@mooseintl.org

Point Pleasant, WV Lodge 731 *held a charity bingo for Square One in August and raised $1,606. Square One serves Gallia County, Jackson County and Meigs County and helps victims of domestic violence, human trafficking, sexual assault, and homelessness as well as providing emergency shelter to women and children. The lodge plans six more charity bingos this year.*

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Horseheads, NY Lodge 1476 *held a fundraising event and raised $7,000 for the Patient Fund at Falck Cancer Center in Elmira.*

Twelve volunteers from ***Oak Ridge, TN Lodge 1316/Chapter 1062*** *and* ***Knoxville, TN Lodge 1560*** *held a Safe Surfin' EZ ID event in July for 89 children. The event included video presentations, games and prizes in addition to the child IDs.*

Members of ***Dyersburg, TN Lodge 441*** *collected canned goods and non-perishable items for the local Salvation Army. From left are Administrator Suzy Dillahay, Salvation Army Coordinator Sandra Pruitt and Treasurer Gene Hall.*

Making a Difference — It's What We Do!

Mason City, IA Lodge 1328 *recently celebrated its centennial with an event that combined a meal and a celebration. President Walt Tanner expressed his heartfelt appreciation to the diligent individuals who served on the centennial committee. Tanner also paid homage to the contributions of past members, whose efforts created the lodge as a fixture within the community.*

Somerville, TN Chapter 2090 *continued a tradition this year by collecting school supplies and donating them to a local school. This year, the chapter supported Oakland Elementary School. Chapter representatives pictured with some teachers are Martha Gwyn (far left) and June Supe and Karan Hawley (far right).*

Bloomington, IN Lodge 1081/Chapter 839 *raised $1,892 from a number of events to raise funds for Indiana Home at Mooseheart. The lodge held a spaghetti dinner, auction, men's fashion show and karaoke night. From left are Cathy Smith, Liz Smith and Linda Kern.*

A possible tragedy was averted earlier this year by a quick-thinking Moose member.

Carol "Carl" Frisby (right) was competing in a pool tournament at **Williamsport, MD Lodge 2462** when he fell to the floor unresponsive.

Jeremy Smiley, an active Moose member and also a fire-fighter/EMT, moved swiftly to administer CPR to Frisby.

A call was made to 911 and, within minutes, firefighters and EMS providers were on the scene. Frisby was transported to the University of Maryland Medical Center in Baltimore where he underwent open-heart surgery.

Two months later Frisby and those who worked to keep him alive, including Smiley, gathered at the Williamsport lodge to celebrate his recovery.

The lodge extended Jeremy's membership for five years in recognition of his efforts.

The lodge has purchased an AED (Automated Extended Defibrillator) in case someone in the future should need immediate assistance

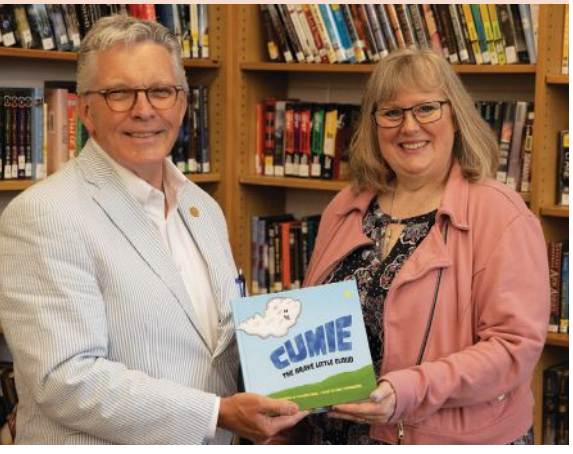
Irrigon, OR Lodge 2486/Chapter 2144 *sponsor a float in the local Watermelon Days celebration every year, and this year was no exception!*

Islamorada, FL Lodge 2151 *presented a $1,145 check to Voices for Florida Keys Children. The lodge raised the money from its Patriotic Lottery Raffle. "Voices" is a volunteer organization dedicated for the betterment of lives of abandoned, abused and neglected children. Overall, the lodger raised $2,290 through the raffle, which was split between Moose Charities and Voices of the Florida. From left are: Nancy Saxe, Mirna Homechea, Krissy Carnahan, Tammy Lowe, George Speerin, Phyllis Mitchell, Tammy Stuhr Viergutz and President Henry Stark.*

Events

Officers and members of the Massachusetts-Rhode Island Moose Association presented Mooseheart's New England Home with a bench during graduation weekend in honor of Michael E. Tolson. Members of Tolson's family cut the ribbon on the bench. Tolson, who passed away in 2022, was a long-time administrator of ***Woburn, MA Lodge 1214*** *and served the Fraternity in many roles, including association Secretary, and was an ardent supporter of the Mooseheart campus*

Batavia, IL Lodge 682 *member Kurt Wehmeister presented Mooseheart school librarian Mary Miller with a copy of the children's book he authored during graduation weekend in June. The book is titled "Cumie, The Brave Little Cloud." Wehrmeister is a former editor of* Moose *magazine.*



NASCAR Cup Series driver and Moose spokesman Ross Chastain visited ***Montour Falls, NY Lodge 426*** *prior to the Go Bowling at the Glen race in August. In that race, Chastain, a* ***Tice and the Shores, FL Lodge 1287*** *member, drove the Moose No. 1 Chevrolet Camaro to 18th place* *(See page 12).*

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Chastain Heads to NASCAR Cup Series Playoffs

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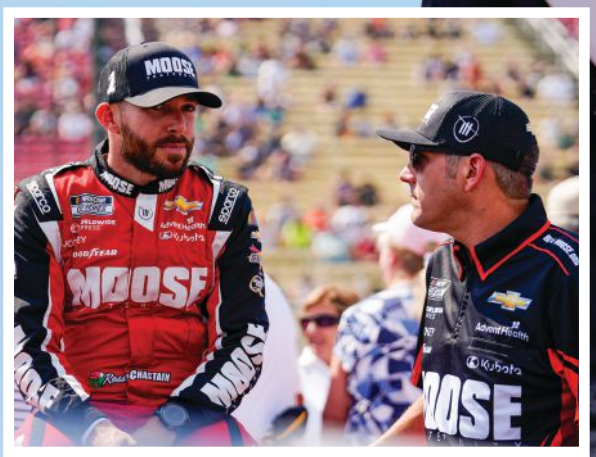
"The Moose" is the black-and-red No. 1 Chevrolet Camaro with the word "MOOSE" on its hood, with Moose logos on all four sides and the roof. "The Moose" is driven by Trackhouse Racing driver Ross Chastain in the NASCAR Cup Series in four races a year.

Chastain, a member of ***Tice and the Shores, FL Lodge 1297****, serves as a Moose spokesman when not behind the wheel, a role he takes seriously but enjoys immensely. Before every race, he meets Moose members. He's visited Mooseheart and Moosehaven campuses and has called into three Moose conventions via Zoom.*

It's when Chastain dons the Moose-emblazoned firesuit and climbs into "The Moose" Camaro that things really start to happen. The exploits in 2022 are legendary: The win at Talladega; The "Haul the Wall" move at Martinsville. This year, Chastain has been near the front in each race he has driven "The Moose." In August, at the Go Bowling At the Glen, Chastain finished 18th, but affirmed that there was speed in the car and had things worked just a bit differently, a Top 10 finish might have been possible.

Chastain is behind the wheel of "The Moose" once more in 2023 – in the penultimate playoff race, the Xfinity 500 at Martinsville Speedway on Oct. 29.

The best news of all is that Chastain and the Moose Fraternity have extended their agreement through 2025, so "The Moose" will roar into action for at least two more seasons.



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In its history, Mooseheart has seen 5,035 students receive diplomas. The paths those grads have taken following graduation are as varied as they are unique to each alum. All have carried with them some of what they learned and experienced at Mooseheart. Here are the stories of four graduates, who graduated in different classes whose present lives continue to be molded by their Mooseheart experiences.

Rocio Sanchez (Class of 2014) came to Mooseheart in 2010 as a high school freshman. In doing so, she had a permanent home for the first time in her life.

"For as long as I could remember, home was a shelter in Chicago, a different one every two to three months," Sanchez said, noting that her mother, a single mother of three children, not only struggled to make ends meet, but was undocumented, meaning her ability to stay in the U.S. was uncertain.

Sanchez graduated as Salutatorian of the Class of 2014 and attended St. Norbert College in De Pere, WI, where she found ways to serve the community through her involvement with Theta Phi Alpha sorority. Added to Mooseheart's motto of "Enter to learn; Leave to serve," Sanchez now had her sorority's motto of "Nothing great is ever achieved without much enduring."

"The chapter focused its philanthropic duties to combat homelessness in Green Bay. I felt compelled to serve. Everything I am has only been made possible through the love and support of strangers," Sanchez said.

Today, Sanchez runs Ooh La La Digital, which helps business owners "discover what makes them one-of-a-kind and turn that into an online presence that outperforms the competition."

Sanchez received the 2021 St. Norbert Alumni Award and she is also a new homeowner.

Through it all, her feelings or warmth to both Mooseheart and to The Moose remain stronger than ever.

"I thank God every day for giving my mom the strength to keep our family together and for letting me, her only daughter, attend Mooseheart. I am thankful for all the Moose members across the country for providing a warm, safe environment filled with love and hope. Mooseheart continues to inspire me to seize every opportunity to become a force for the greater good," Sanchez said. ■

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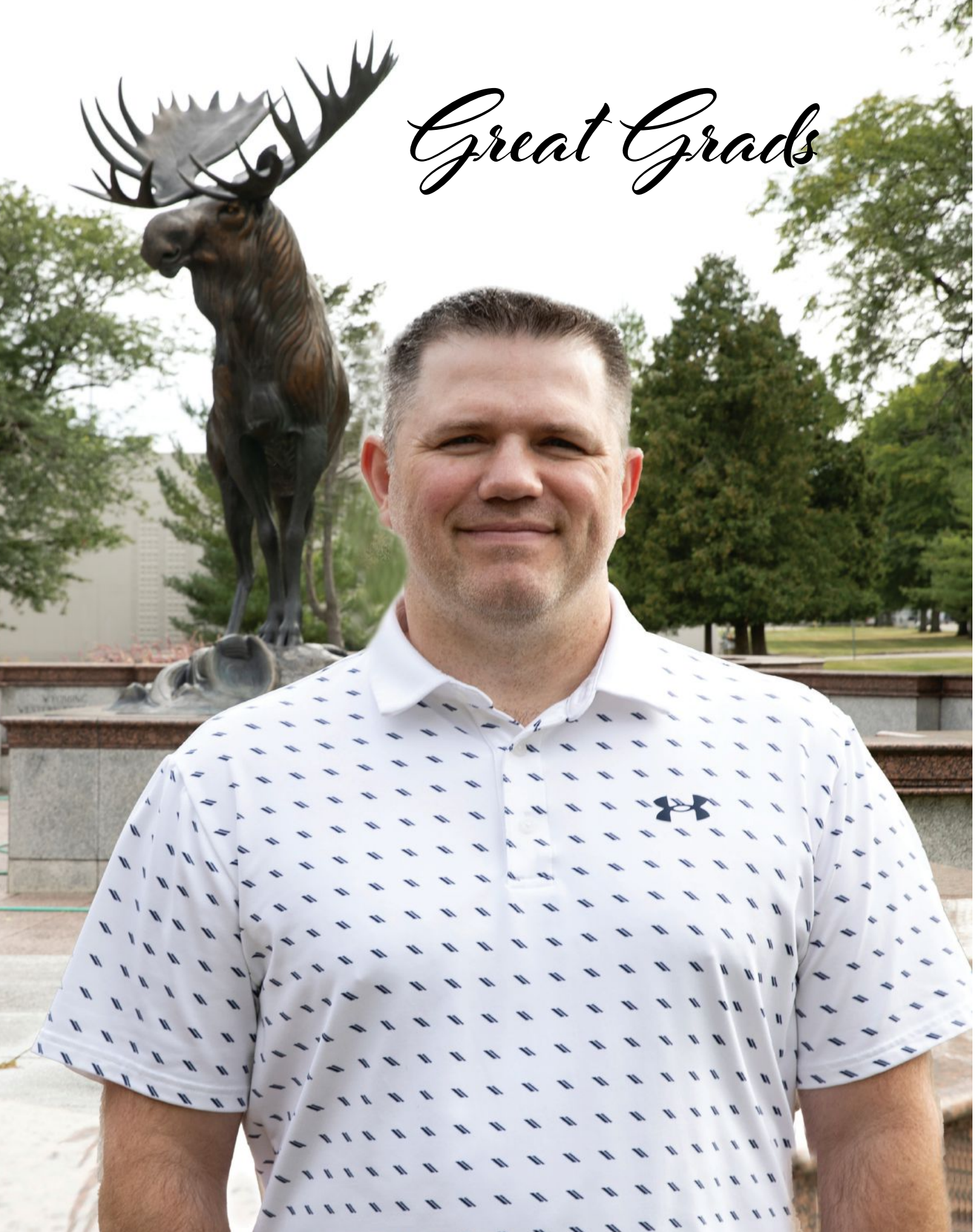

Matt Kitzmiller (Class of 1998) arrived at Mooseheart in 1982, when he was just 3-years-old with two older brothers and one younger brother. By the time he graduated, Kitzmiller had been on-campus for nearly 16 years.

"After graduation, I enrolled in the College of DuPage and worked a full-time job. I quickly realized I had too many expenses and what I needed to do was put college on hold and start a career," Kitzmiller said.

Kitzmiller eventually completed his associate's degree and now works as a Regional Equipment Manager for North American, a commercial distributor and supply company based in Glenview, IL.

"I didn't follow what some would say is a prototypical path in my career. With that said, everything that I have done has been entirely calculated in how I wanted to achieve the next step in my journey," Kitzmiller said.

With 30 years of professional experience, Kitmiller has been tremendously successful. A year ago, he was able to help bring North American and Mooseheart together, through North American's "Adopt-a-School" program. Mooseheart students toured the company's Glenview facilities.

The idea of bringing his group at North American together with Mooseheart was, said Kitzmiller, "a no-brainer."

"We had a good meeting with Mooseheart staff. Then, when we had our strategic meeting at North American, everyone had an idea where they felt we could do something. There was a never-ending list of things, and we will continue in some capacity to help the school. Everyone still feels a connection with the school," Kitzmiller said.

Throughout his life, Kitzmiller has found that things he learned at Mooseheart have stayed with him.

"Quite a lot of my experiences at Mooseheart have stayed with me through the rest of my life. You look at kids who struggle and are in and out of trouble, and I could very easily have been one of those kids, especially if I had stayed in the home I was in before I came to Mooseheart," Kitzmiller said.

Kitzmiller added that, "Structure and discipline, things that I got from Mooseheart, were game-changers in my life, and I know they were for my brothers as well. I'm blessed that I'm married and have two wonderful kids. When I see how my kids are thriving, I see that they have that discipline and structure, and that's something I gained from Mooseheart." ■

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Amanda Jones (Class of 2019) is a newly-minted college graduate from this May, when she received her degree from the University of Illinois-Springfield.

Though it is only four years since she crossed the Commencement stage at Mooseheart, Jones said there are many things she learned through high school that stayed with her in college. One of those things was a dedication to community service.

"From my early days in college, I found that I was able to do many things while still serving the community through a program called Leadership for Life. In my interview, I was asked why I wanted to join Leadership for Life. I said that I'd done community service at Mooseheart and that I didn't want that to end when I went to college. I wanted – and still want – to be able to make whatever impact I can on the community in which I'm living," Jones said.

The COVID-19 pandemic disrupted everything worldwide, beginning in early 2020. At the moment that the U.S. began locking down, Jones was actually working a community service outreach in New Orleans.

"I was in a program called Alternative Spring Break. We packed pallets at a food bank to be shipped to food banks. Those experiences, just days before everything shut down, will stay with me the rest of my life," Jones said.

Various lessons and ways of approaching things have also stayed with Jones.

"Time management and keeping myself organized – I learned that in ROTC (Reserve Officer's Training Corps). Self-discipline, I learned that in ROTC. Without those things, I don't know how you can get through any college experience," Jones said.

Even the Mooseheart Model of Care has stayed with Jones, who worked earlier this summer with youth in a summer camp setting.

"Working with kids now, I see that there's merit to it that maybe I didn't see before. You have to have both positive and negative reinforcement. If you never give positive reinforcement, the child will never trust you to want to do anything correctly. You also have to have negative reinforcement to show when behaviors aren't good," Jones said.

Jones even admitted there are times when she has found herself repeating something she heard adults say at Mooseheart.

"I'll say things like 'the sooner that' or 'the sooner this' – and those are phrases straight from Mooseheart. What I realize is that I'm not just yelling at the kids. I'm giving them a rationale as to why they need to do these things," Jones said.

As for the future, Jones admits that there are plenty of options and many different directions.

"Right now, I want to take the skills I have learned in graphic design, photography and media and do something altruistic. I want to feel that I'm making some sort of impact," Jones said. ■

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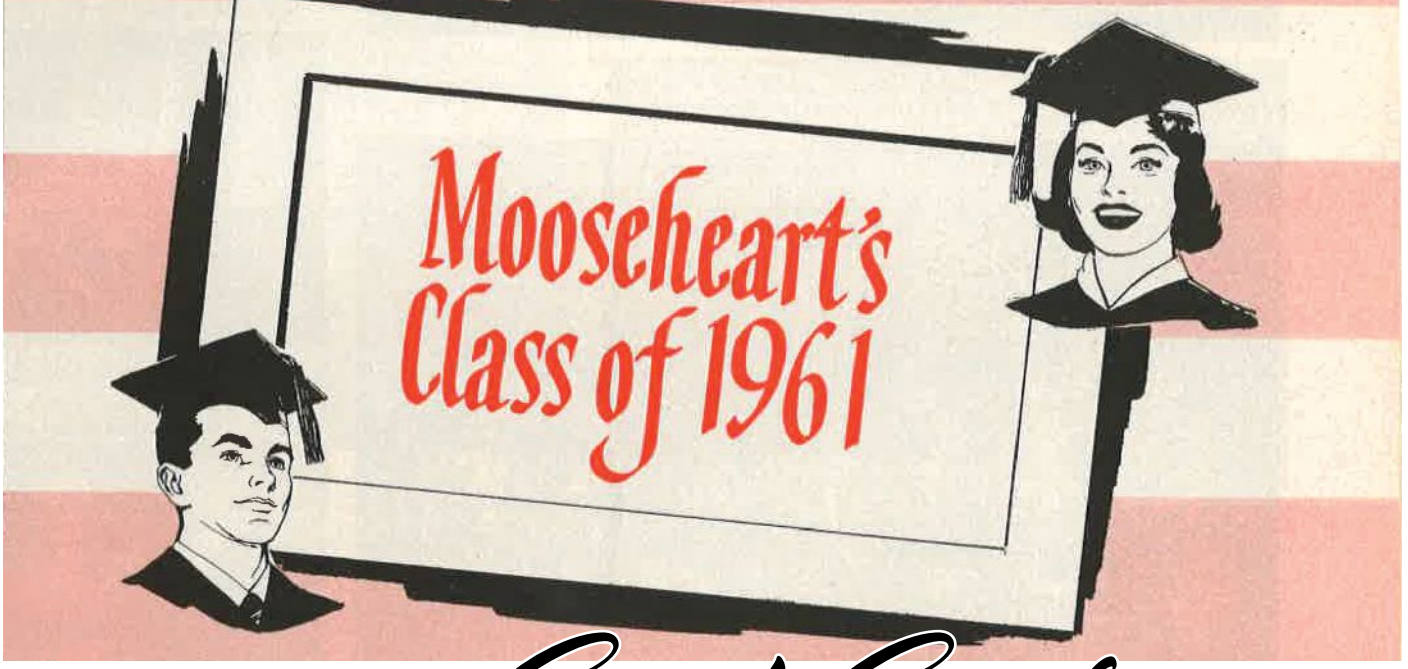

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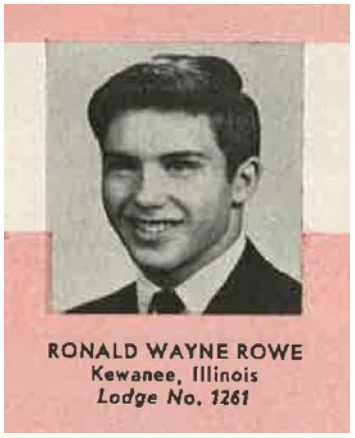

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> — *Ron Rowe*

Ron Rowe (Class of 1961) was in elementary school when his world as he had known it changed. His parents split up, and neither one of them was in a position to take care of him or his siblings.

The children were bounced around between different family members and acquaintances, but struggled to find a permanent or adequate home. Ron and his sister were eventually placed in a local orphanage. He and his sister came to the attention of a member of the Women of the Moose who he states "made it her mission" to get the two of them to Mooseheart.

Ron arrived at Mooseheart as a fourth-grader. "I had been beat down so badly in my life, that I hardly talked. It took the love that I was shown at Mooseheart to be able to come out of my shell little by little," he said. At Mooseheart, Ron received three full meals a day, a warm bed to sleep in, and staff who "cared enough to discipline me."

Even before Ron's parents separated, his home was not a happy one and he didn't know what it felt like to be cared for in these ways.

"It probably doesn't sound like much to you, but when you haven't had these things for your whole life, it really feels different," he said.

As he entered high school, Ron took a particular liking to tools and machines, an interest that eventually led to his career as a machinist.

Ron graduated from Mooseheart in 1961. He eventually moved to Florida and landed a job as a machinist. He married, started a family and says he was able to be a good father because of the skills and values he learned at Mooseheart. He says it is his greatest blessing to have been able to pass along these values and skills to his children and grandchildren.

"Mooseheart didn't just fix me – it fixed at least the next three to four generations of my family. The only way I know how to give back is to pass on what I learned," he said. Now retired, Ron and his wife live in central Tennessee, where he still does woodworking and metalworking. ■

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Learning While Competing

A new school year means a fresh start for Mooseheart's sports teams, and the Ramblers' boys soccer and volleyball teams got their seasons underway in late August. With a late August enrollment of 44, the pool from which Ramblers teams can be built is very small. The good news is that both rosters have been filled and there are enough volleyball players to field both junior-varsity as well as varsity squads.

Mooseheart Superintendent of Education Jeff Szymczak said, "If you take the percentage that are representing our sports teams compared to probably any high school, even small high schools, our participation is much greater. We have to have almost 100 percent participation."

Enrollment has never kept Mooseheart from fielding athletics teams, though the number of sports offered is limited by necessity. This year, the school will field boys soccer and volleyball as fall sports, girls bowling and boys basketball and wrestling in the winter and boys and girls track in the spring.

"If people look at our soccer roster and see that we have three seniors, they might think that's from a lack of participation. What they won't realize is that we have five boys in the senior class, so you have to look a little deeper than just the numbers," Szymczak said.

As with all schools, Mooseheart's students want to represent their team in interscholastic competition. There are reasons beyond wins and losses why the school wants to continue to field teams as well.

"Our kids can not only learn the positive things that happen when things are going well. There are lessons that happen when you're on a team here that you won't get anywhere else. If our kids were going to one of the larger schools in our area, they probably would not even be going out for a team. But here, they have an opportunity," Szymczak said. ■

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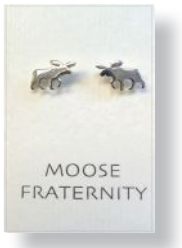

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Sipes Begins Travels Through Fraternity

*From left, Chairman John Sipes, President Dave Copperthwaite and Administrator Steven Zazenskowski of **Bound Brook, NJ Lodge 988** presented a case of Tommy Moose to Bound Brook Fire Chief Dave Dombe.*

What a great time of year fall brings to us on both the Mooseheart and Moosehaven campuses. Back to school, Homecoming, Founder's Day ceremonies and Association visits are just a few of the activities to mention at Mooseheart, our Child City.

Moosehaven is also full of activities, with local area lodge visits and as the campus gears up for the Annual Chili Cook-off, which this year takes place on November 11. As they say at Moosehaven, it's always "another day in paradise!"

As Linda and I travel to visit members of our many Associations, we are humbled at the enthusiasm and the pride of lodges in their giving to their local communities. This is in addition to the support they give to Mooseheart and Moosehaven through donations to Moose Charities.

The many Tommy Moose presentations to local safety services, in addition to other donations in support of these agencies is heartwarming and I know it is heartfelt. Moments like these show that our lodges truly strive to be the "Heart of the Community."

Linda and I look forward to our future visits to many more Associations this year to witness what you have accomplished during your "Proud Past." We are equally excited to hear your plans as you move toward you "Bright Future!"

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— John Sipes, Chairman of the Board

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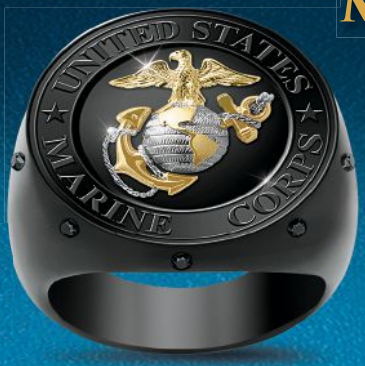

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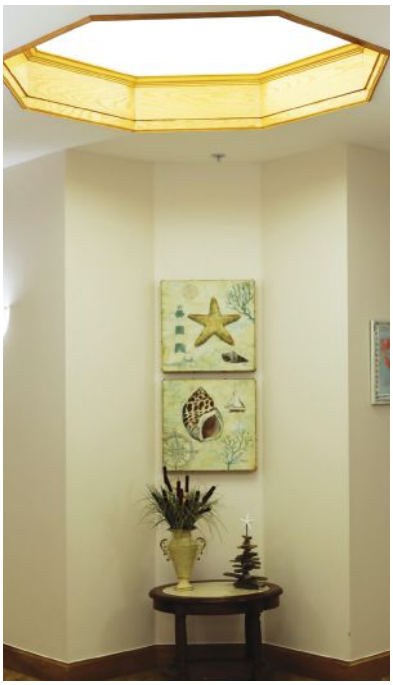
The Moosehaven campus is situated on a beautiful expanse of the St. Johns River in northeast Florida. Our "City of Contentment" has been home to members of the Moose since 1922, and it offers independent living, congregate living, enhanced living, skilled nursing and memory support services.

Over time, our residency options have adapted to meet the needs of almost any member looking to enhance their golden years. Moosehaven offers two admission programs – the Traditional Moose Life Program and the Brandon Place New Life Program.

The Brandon Place New Life Program is a popular retirement option at Moosehaven and is continually evolving. One-and two-bedroom duplex villa homes and apartments range in size from about 500 square feet to over 1,400 square feet and offer maintenance-free living in a secure, gated community.

Residents pay a one-time entrance fee and then an ongoing monthly fee, based on the size and location of the home. Residents have full access to the Moosehaven campus, including all activities, services, amenities, and future care in the HealthCare Center. Residents maintain their own personal financial responsibilities and assets, and only pay for added services as needed.

Due to the popularity of the Brandon Place Program, we were recently down to having two available apartments, so we expanded. Similar to the popular Buckeye Hall apartments, the Florida Hall residence has been converted to fully independent



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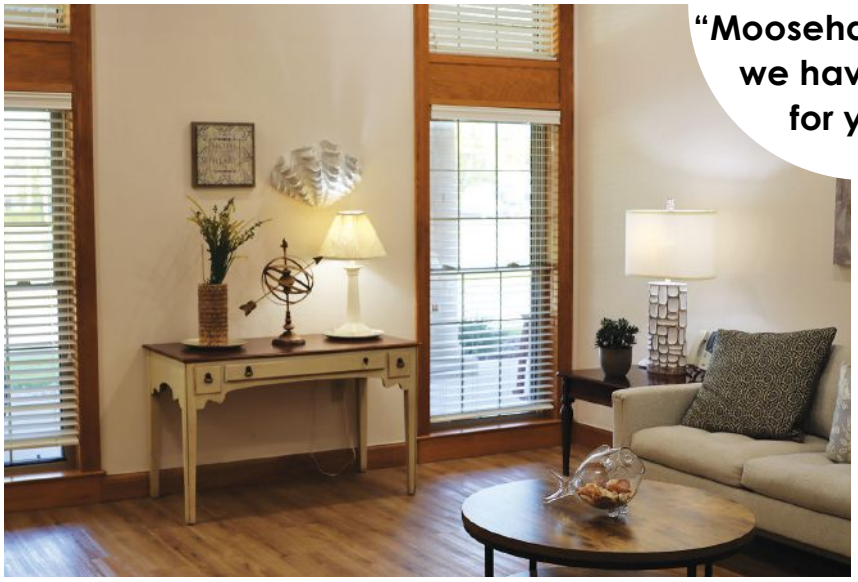

apartments, offering 13 additional apartments to the program.

The apartments are one and two bedroom and range from about 500 sq. ft. to 950 sq. ft. with entry fees ranging from $135,000 to $179,000 and monthly fees ranging from $1,000 to $1,210. The monthly fee at Florida Hall includes all utilities, including electric, water, Wi-Fi and cable TV service. Both Buckeye and Florida halls have individual, fully equipped apartments in a community setting where residents share comfortable common spaces for socializing.

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If you would like more information on Moosehaven Retirement, please call the Moosehaven Admissions office at (904) 278-1286. ■

— Helen Taylor, Moosehaven Executive Director

Q&A GUY NELL HAYNES

HAD YOU ALWAYS FIGURED THAT YOU'D LIVE ONE DAY AT MOOSEHAVEN?

My husband and I had talked about it. He got sick and then he passed away in 2012. We had one daughter, and she passed away in 2012.
That left me with two grown grandchildren, and I kept thinking about it. I'd been down here so many times and I knew this was a great place to be.

WERE THERE SURPRISES WHEN YOU ARRIVED ON-CAMPUS?

It was more than I expected. There are things I thought I'd have to buy, like toothpaste and other things – and those things are provided for you. People ask if we get what we need, and I tell them that we get all of what we need and most of what we want.

YOU WERE A MOOSEHAVEN COUNSELOR. DID THAT IMPACT YOUR DECISION?

I would always tell people when I traveled to not let their dues drop, because there's no better insurance policy than Moosehaven. I'm very independent and didn't want to be dependent on anyone. Ultimately, the decision to come here was a no-brainer.

WHAT'S THE BEST THING ABOUT LIVING AT MOOSEHAVEN?

You hear it often, but we really don't have any worries. If I had to say something bad about Moosehaven, I don't think I could. I look forward to having a healthy, happy life, which is what I have here.

WHAT KEEPS YOU OCCUPIED AT MOOSEHAVEN?

I make some jewelry and work in the gift store a few times a month. I work one or two days a week at the beauty shop. I love to read and if I want to sit and read a book, then I can do that. Sometimes, I just enjoy sitting and being alone. I can do as little or as much as I want. there are always things to do. Don't ever sleep late, though, or someone's going to knock on your door to check on you. That's a good thing. When I lived alone, the neighbors worked, so if something had happened to me - no one would've been there to help me.

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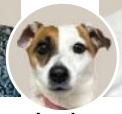

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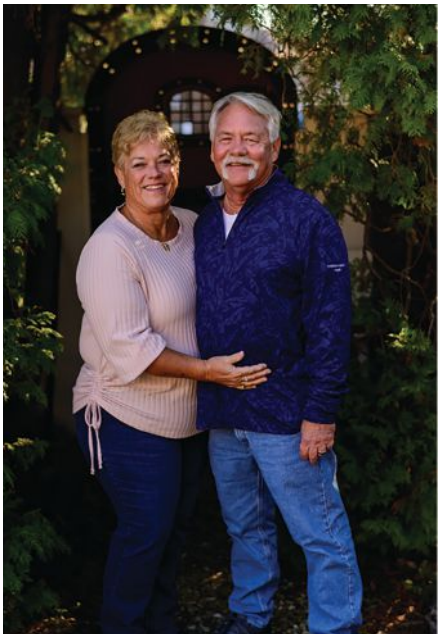

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The continued redevelopment of Tommy Moose continues, with the latest addition being a revamped "Tommy Moose and Little James" color-along story book.

While the text of the story remains the same – of a Mooseheart child named James who prays for other boys and girls "who are scared or hurting" to have "someone to watch over them and take away their fears."

James then gives his plush Tommy Moose a hug. Overnight, that plush toy turns into a life-size Tommy Moose. James wakes up and thinks it's all just a dream, but then notices his Tommy Moose plush is gone. Instead, there is a note that says, "Thanks for believing in me – T."

Among changes to the artwork in the story book are to make the Tommy Moose plush and life-size Tommy Moose look like the "Tommy Moose 2.0" redesign unveiled in 2019.

"In keeping with the overall theme of the redesign, we wanted the color-along story to show the same version of Tommy Moose that we give to police, fire and emergency service personnel and also to look like the new life-size Tommy Moose that children will see at parades and events," Coordinator of Activities and Heart of the Community Will Harrison said.

Other changes include some modern touches to the bedroom and an overall updating of each of the story book's pages.

"We were reaching a point where we needed to reprint the color-along story book, and so this seemed to be a perfect time to update the story," Harrison said.

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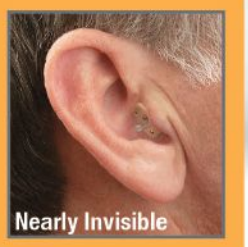

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Grads Aboard the USS Arizona

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Robert William Apple, a 1934 Mooseheart grad, was one of the 1,177 of 1,512 crewmen on the battleship who died during the attack.

Charles Ray Cosby, a 1939 Mooseheart grad, was able to jump from the stricken battleship as it sank in shallow Pearl Harbor. In an article for the Aurora Beacon News, Cosby described swimming through burning oily water.

Cosby said, "It was more oil than water we swam though, because one of the bombs had gone down a stack and into the engine room. Oil immediately shot out of there like a gusher and the minute it hit the water, settled on top. Flames from gasoline fires soon set fire to the oil, but we were lucky enough to be just ahead of them and got safely to land."

Apple, working as a barber, was working below deck near where that bomb hit and was never seen again. Roughly 900 of those who died on the Arizona remain entombed inside the ship today beneath the USS Arizona Memorial. His name is on the marble wall (highlighted left) inscribed with the names of those lost.

Cosby, meanwhile, continued to serve through the war. In 1942, he was involved in raids on Japanese forces in the Marshall Islands and later saw service in the Atlantic Ocean.

Married during the war, Cosby worked for General Electric for 41 years following the war. He died in 2011 and is buried in Malden, MA.

Apple had enlisted in the Navy in 1936 and studied law in his spare time. Shortly before the Pearl Harbor attack, he wrote that he intended to attend the University of California when his enlistment ended. Apple was also interested in aviation and had acquired a pilot's license, also while serving in the Navy. ■

R. W. APPLE

Above right: Charles Ray Cosby

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"Christmas In October," helps to ensure that those entrusted to our care are able to have a prosperous holiday season.

For decades and through the efforts of the Mooseheart/Moosehaven Committee, the Women of the Moose have celebrated "Christmas In October," to ensure that those entrusted to our care are able to have a prosperous holiday season.

For many years, members provided gifts of toys, clothing and other items of need for our children and senior members. However, many of the items proved to be inappropriate for the recipient's needs or simply the wrong size. As a result, "Christmas In October" became a monetary donation event. In that way, staff at Mooseheart and Moosehaven could shop for the right present depending on likes, dislikes and need.

Each year, chapters conduct a gift walk for both Mooseheart and Moosehaven, in which monetary donations are collected from members and remitted to Women of the Moose headquarters. Chapters are also asked to remit a donation of $35 or more to purchase a special gift for both a child and a senior.

Our Mooseheart children also know that, because of the Women of the Moose, they will have a joyful Christmas season. We provide funds for photo Christmas cards, Christmas parties in each residence, holiday decorations and special treats. There is friendly competition to be the best-decorated home and to have the best-decorated tree.

At Moosehaven, the Women of the Moose provide funds for a variety of special events. These include the annual Christmas dinner and party, the New Year's Eve party, Thanksgiving dinner, off-campus trips. We also provide funds for many on-campus monthly social gatherings, including events at the Health Care Center. These gatherings afford residents the opportunity to sing, dance and laugh the night away.

Generally, music, food and beverage are provided to our residents through the generosity of the Women of the Moose. Moosehaven staff members, who give of their personal time to attend, enjoy these many events as well.

Chapters are encouraged to celebrate this special time - decorate the meeting room in a Christmas theme, have a potluck before or after the meeting and play or sing Christmas carols. Some chapters schedule a visit from Santa and serve Christmas cookies and treats. Generally, the Women of the Moose have a lot of "seasonal fun" celebrating Christmas in October.

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Concept renderings of Museum of Moose History renovations.

The current Moose Legion project is a multi-year effort. Announced in 2022, the Degree of Service has taken on funding renovation to the Museum of Moose History on the Mooseheart campus. The Moose Legion funded the original development and construction of the museum in 1971, so it seemed appropriate that Moose Legionnaires would be the ones to revitalize this often-forgotten piece of our Fraternity's legacy.

Work will be done by contractors Larsen & Darby, who recently worked on design and construction of the Mooseheart Activity Center. The project will be completed in three phases. **Phase 1** will include work to the roof, skylights, windows, and doors, as well as masonry repairs and painting. Areas for two outside displays will also be constructed. **Phase 2** will address the core operating systems of the museum: Heating and air conditioning, electrical, and plumbing.

Phase 3 will transform the interior appearance of the museum. In addition to updated flooring and painting, the museum will be outfitted with new custom-built displays that will allow for a greater number of items to be shown. Technology will be utilized to tell various stories of the Fraternity's history, and will enable display themes to be changed during different times of the year.

The fundraising has been outstanding! In the first year, more than $245,000 was received from Moose Legion units and other donors. This included more than $100,000 from the Ohio State Moose Association and the Association's own museum corporation. These funds should cover all of Phase 1 and a portion of Phase 2, based on estimated costs.

Year Two fundraising has started strongly, creating the hope that the refreshed museum could be unveiled sooner than anticipated. When completed, we can all enjoy the process of creating another jewel on our Child City campus, one that will tell our story for decades to come. ■

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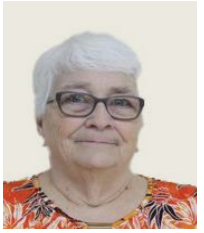

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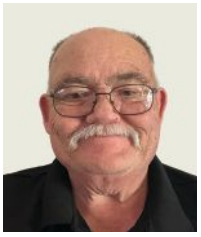

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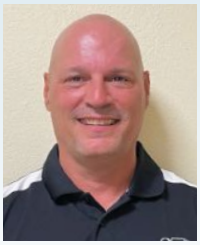

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